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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/394,745
Filed: September 15, 1999
Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants**
Inventors: Dane K. FISHER *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16517.001/38-21(15454)B

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (in duplicate);
2. Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.144 (twenty-nine (29) pages, including Appendix A and Appendix B) (in duplicate); and
3. Return postcard.

Please stamp the postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants request that the following fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.001/15454B:

\$110.00 fee for one-month extension of time; and

\$130.00 fee for filing a Petition to the Commissioner.

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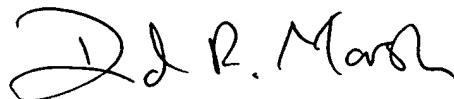
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In the event that additional extensions of time other than those provided for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any additional fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.001/15454B. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. R. Marsh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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Attachments